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In re Patent Application of:

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For: **METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
EVALUATION OF THE PROXIMITY OF BRANDS AND VEHICLES**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **AMEND** claim 16, and **ADD** new claim 17, as follows.

16. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer program product for executing the method according to claim 1 [or claim 3].

17. (NEW) A computer program product for executing the method according to claim 3.

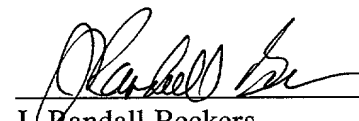
REMARKS

The claims have been amended above to remove a multiply-dependent claim. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,  
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